

FUGITIVE RETURNS TO HIS HOME

F. H. Fitzgerald Gives Himself Up.

MANY INDICTMENTS HANG OVER HIM

He Was Clerk to the School
Board of Manchester.

MONEY WAS GOTTEN ON FORGED WARRANTS

Was Also Employed by the Southern
Railway, from Which He Was Al-
leged to Have Secured a Con-
siderable Amount—Gives
No Account of His
Wanderings.

Wan and haggard, and apparently worn in body and mind, Frank H. Fitzgerald, the fugitive clerk of the Manchester School Board, gave himself up to Sergeant Alexander Wright, of the Manchester police force, about 9 o'clock last night, and, accompanied by his brother, went to the police station, where he was made as comfortable as possible for the night.

When seen by a Times-Dispatch representative last night at the station house Mr. Fitzgerald declined to talk about his case.

"I have nothing to say," he said, "but I feel that it is due my family that return and stand whatever punishment is coming to me."

Mr. Fitzgerald is only about thirty-six years old, but he looks at least ten years older. The awful strain under which he has been compelled to carry himself has

told upon him, and from the buoyancy of youth he has been transformed into the feebleness almost of old age.

Eight Indictments.

There are eight indictments for forger pending against him in the Corporate Court, all arising from discrepancies discovered in the accounts of the School

Board. He was clerk of that body about five years, during which time he was held in the highest esteem by all of Manchester.

About January 10th, 1902, Fitzgerald disappeared. He left his wife and four children. Then it was that his reprehensible transactions were discovered.

He was employed as clerk in the stationery department of the Southern Railway Company, with office in Richmond. Here he had succeeded in securing for his own use something like \$5,000, in various ways at different times. His and

rious sums at different times. His sudden disappearance caused an investigation, and this investigation resulted in another, that of his books as clerk of the School Board. Here, too, he was found to have appropriated sums to his own

This latter was secured through false warrant on the treasurer. The names of the payees were forged and the money secured from the Mechanics and Mer-

chants, Bank of Manchester. The indictments were drawn at the May term of the Corporation Court in 1902, and a bench warrant was issued.

called in the Police Court this morning. Fitzgerald will probably be committed to jail, and it is not probable that he will ask for bail.

Call Case Next Week.

The October term of the Corporation Court will begin next week, and the case of Fitzgerald will be called.

It is not considered likely that Com-

His relations with the Fitzgerald family, father and sons, have been very close for years. He was retained by Mr. A. H.

Fitzgerald, brother of the prisoner, at the time of F. H. Fitzgerald's flight, acted as his counsel and adviser until examination of the accounts of the railway company's office and the School Board.

It is thought very likely therefore that Mr. Page will decline to prosecute the cases, and request the court to designate some other attorney in his stead.

The School Board embezzlement caused a great stir in municipal and banking circles. The city sought to recover the money from the bank, and suit was instituted, on the grounds that the check-

promise was effected by the recovery of about one-third the amount at stake.

From the time of Fitzgerald's disappearance to yesterday no one, apparently

His family has received general sympathy. The few citizens who knew of the return last night, expressed some

thing of regret that Fitzgerald had come back, for they did not wish to see him punished for the sake of his family.

RECORD IS BROKEN
(By Associated Press.)

KNOXVILLE, TENN., October 9.—Harold F. Kribbins, a professional basketball player, who was with the Indianapolis team early in the present season, broke

the world's bowling record on regulation
alleys for ten-pins, making twenty-nine
successive strikes and a spare on his thir-
tieth ball. He continued to roll strikes un-
til he had rolled fifty balls, his record

being forty-nine strikes and a spare. The best previous record claimed was twenty seven successive strikes.